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1. Nationalist agents damaged installations of the P'ing Kuei Mining Bureau of Kwangsi¹ on 17 June and 29 August. Two warehouses and a supply depot were burned and 1 air compressor, 2 generators, 1 oil pump, and 2 vehicles were destroyed. Total damages amounted to over J'P 10 million. After each incident, the Chinese Communists executed and jailed a large number of laborers. Among the important personnel apprehended were: FENG Chia-kuang (封家光), head of the General Affairs Office of the Mining Bureau; CH'IN Tu-jui (秦篤瑞), head of the Electrical Department; LU Chi-tung (呂繼東), chairman of the Mining Bureau; SHAO Kuang-chao (邵光劍), vice chairman of the Mining Bureau; and 80 others. The authorities branded them as Nationalist agents, members of secret societies, and members of the Kuomintang.
2. Before its occupation by the Communists, the P'ing Kuei Mining Bureau employed over 10,000 workers; it now has about 6,000 workers. As a result of the "Anti-American Aid Korea" campaign in May and June, the monthly production of coal has risen from 5,000 to 5,500 tons and that of tin from 50 to 54 tons.² However, the recent arrests have caused dissatisfaction among the workers and it is reported that the workers will rebel in the near future.

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1. Comment. This is probably the Chinese Communist mining administration in Kwangsi, which was known under the Nationalist administration as the Kwangsi Government National Resources P'ing Kuei Mineral Administration.

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2. Comment. According to estimates made by Nationalist officials of Kwangsi, the annual production of coal in Kwangsi for 1948 was 165,552 metric tons and that of tin 500 metric tons.

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